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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PORTLAND OR
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...THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3-9 IS WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IN
IDAHO...OREGON...AND WASHINGTON...

THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3 THROUGH 9 HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED WINTER
WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST INCLUDING THE
STATES OF IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT TIME
FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS...FAMILIES... BUSINESSES...SCHOOLS... RADIO AND
TELEVISION STATIONS TO REVIEW THEIR WINTER STORM PREPAREDNESS
PLANS. IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR ALL NEW ARRIVALS TO THE
PACIFIC NORTHWEST TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE WATCH AND WARNING DEFINITIONS AS WELL AS WINTER SAFETY
PROCEDURES.

EACH YEAR...DOZENS OF AMERICANS DIE DUE TO EXPOSURE TO COLD.
MAJOR WINTER STORMS CAN LAST SEVERAL DAYS AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY
HIGH WINDS...FREEZING RAIN OR SLEET...HEAVY SNOWFALL...COLD
TEMPERATURES AND VARIOUS FORMS OF FLOODING. HEAVY SNOW IN THE
MOUNTAINS IS IMPORTANT FOR THE SKI INDUSTRY AND FOR FILLING UP
RESERVOIRS. HOWEVER...WINTER STORMS ALSO PRODUCE TRAVEL
DANGERS AND CAN RESULT IN LIFE THREATENING CONDITIONS.

TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE DANGERS...THE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WILL ISSUE PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS
THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO DISCUSS:

MONDAY	WINTER WEATHER SAFETY AND TERMINOLOGY
TUESDAY	WHAT ARE OUTLOOKS/WATCHES/WARNINGS/ADVISORIES
WEDNESDAY	SNOW...ICE...AVALANCHE...BLIZZARDS
THURSDAY	FLOODS
FRIDAY	WIND STORMS

ANYONE WHO NEEDS INFORMATION ON WINTER STORMS IN IDAHO, OREGON
OR WASHINGTON SHOULD CONTACT THEIR NEAREST NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE OFFICE.

IDAHO

BOISE	208-334-9861	www.wrh.noaa.gov/boise
MISSOULA	406-329-4840	www.wrh.noaa.gov/missoula
POCATELLO	208-233-0834	www.wrh.noaa.gov/pocatello

OREGON

MEDFORD	541-773-1067	www.wrh.noaa.gov/medford
PENDLETON	541-276-4493	www.wrh.noaa.gov/pendleton
PORTLAND	503-261-9246	www.wrh.noaa.gov/portland

WASHINGTON

SEATTLE	206-526-6087	www.wrh.noaa.gov/seattle
SPOKANE	509-244-6395	www.wrh.noaa.gov/spokane

THIS WEEK IS SEVERE WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. NOW IS THE TIME TO GET PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER. PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS WILL BE ISSUED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO GIVE SAFETY INFORMATION...AND HELP YOU KNOW HOW TO RESPOND WHEN WINTER WEATHER THREATENS.

YOU MAY LEARN MORE FROM OUR INTERNET PREPAREDNESS WEB PAGES AT

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/WINTER/INDEX.SHTML](http://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/WINTER/INDEX.SHTML)

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